

BAG it RIGHT

in Prince George's County



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Effective January 1, 2024, Prince George's County prohibits a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and, with certain exceptions*, can charge 10 cents for each paper carryout bag provided to a customer.

WHY THE BAN?

To protect the environment, marine life and reduce litter.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

All retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores, or any other establishment that provides single-use plastic bags to its customers as a result of the sale of a product, or service whether for-profit or not-for-profit.

BAG BILL GUIDELINES

What is allowed

Stores and Restaurants can use/sell paper bags or reusable bags at a 10-cent fee.

Reusable Carryout Bag means a bag:
With stitched handles specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse; Made of cloth or other washable fabric; and Made of a durable material suitable for multiple re-use that is not made of plastic film.



Exceptions

Plastic bags or paper bags used to:

Package bulk items, including fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items; Wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether prepackaged or not; Wrap flowers, potted plants, or other damp items; Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; Protect or contain garments or dry-cleaned clothes; protect suits, dresses, and formal wear; Take live fish, insects, mollusks, or crustaceans away from the retail store; Contain pharmacy prescriptions; Package prepared food provided at the drive-through window; and Provided by a full-service restaurant after a meal for leftovers.

What's out?

Single-use plastic bags



Plan Now. Start Bringing Your Reusable Bag When You Shop!

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